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MEET THE MISSUS

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Outline of Story : Al Hallett, the owner of a department store, decides to find out just what kind of home life his employees lead, so he visits them all unexpectedly. Out of all the employees in his establishment, Glenn is the only one he found spending a peaceful married life. But just prior to the boss' visit Glenn and Blanche had just had a battle royal. Glenn had been doing the family washing - - Blanche had been scrubbing the front porch. Glenn tracked mud on the clean porch and then the battle was on. They had just seated themselves on the porch, each picked up a magazine and was reading and sulking, when the boss walked up. He, of course, thought they were enjoying their evening together. The next day all the employees were called into the manager's office and Glenn was congratulated. Glenn, overjoyed, asks the boss to come over for dinner. Blanche argued but is finally persuaded to make the best of it. She said she had nothing to wear so Glenn has the brilliant idea of making her an evening dress from one of the velvet curtains. They hire a negro maid for the occasion and borrow lamps, dishes, silver, etc., from the neighbors in order to make an impression upon the boss. Glenn has been saving a bottle of gin for cocktails before dinner, but the maid discovered it and drank it all. Then she filled the bottle with kerosine and put it back in its place. The dinner, the drinks, the whole evening seem just one disappointment after another but through it all Glenn keeps on smiling. The boss had been looking for someone to fill an important vacancy at the store and stated that anyone who could keep on smiling through so many difficulties was the man for him.

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